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Reason for Change: Amendment to definition
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Background:

An issue has been received regarding the current definition contained in the class OPERATING THEATRE which restricts that activity is under the direct supervision of a medical or dental practitioner.

This Data Dictionary Change Notice updates the class OPERATING THEATRE to reflect the that surgical procedures may be undertaken by a range of appropriately trained and qualified Health Care Professionals, and not only medical or dental practitioner.

To view a demonstration on "How to Read an NHS Data Model and Dictionary Change Request", visit the NHS Data Model and Dictionary help pages at: http://www.datadictionary.nhs.uk/Flash_Files/changerequest.htm.

Note: if the web page does not open, please copy the link and paste into the web browser.

Summary of changes:

Class Definitions

[OPERATING THEATRE](#) Changed Description

Date: 25 March 2013

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Note: New text is shown with a blue background. Deleted text is crossed out. Retired text is shown in grey. Within the Diagrams deleted classes and relationships are red, changed items are blue and new items are green.

OPERATING THEATRE

Change to Class: Changed Description

~~A room in a Hospital [ORGANISATION SITE](#) containing one or two operating tables or other similar devices. An [OPERATING THEATRE](#) accommodates one or two [PATIENTS](#) at a time during and only during the period in which, under the direct supervision of a medical or dental practitioner, the [PATIENT\(S\)](#) can undergo operative treatment in pregnancy or childbirth or for the prevention, cure, relief or diagnosis of disease.~~ A room in a [Hospital Site](#) of a provider registered with the [Care Quality Commission](#), containing one or two operating tables or other similar devices. An [OPERATING THEATRE](#) accommodates one or two [PATIENTS](#) at a time during and only during the period in which, under the direct supervision of a registered medical practitioner, registered dental practitioner or other statutory registered practitioner (who are appropriately trained and qualified to carry out the regulated activity of performing surgical procedures), the [PATIENT\(S\)](#) can undergo operative treatment in pregnancy or childbirth or for the prevention, cure, relief or diagnosis of disease. The facilities needed for the bulk of the work

and available for all [PATIENTS](#) shall permit:

- a. Positioning the patient(s) on the table(s) or the device(s) so as to render the operative treatment possible or convenient
- b. Adjustable illumination of sufficient power to permit fine or delicate work
- c. The operative treatment to take place in aseptic conditions which shall include the provision of sterile instruments and facilities for all staff to change clothing
- d. The provision of pain relief during the operative treatment more elaborate than basal sedation administered in the ward, self administered inhalation or infiltration with local anaesthetic; for example general, spinal or epidural anaesthetic or nerve block with local anaesthetic.

The following are excluded from this description:

- a. Obstetric delivery room containing a delivery bed
- b. Dental treatment room or surgery containing a dental chair
- c. X-Ray room, whether diagnostic or therapeutic
- d. Room only used to carry out endoscopy

[OPERATING THEATRES](#) are staffed and available for only certain fixed periods of time. These can be divided into:

- a. [Operating Theatre Sessions](#)
- b. Time for which the [OPERATING THEATRE](#) is staffed and equipped to cope with emergency theatre cases
- c. Time for maintenance and cleaning

It is not required to record details of operating theatres used under contractual arrangements, although details of the resulting operative procedures will be recorded. [OPERATIVE PROCEDURES](#) do not always take place in [OPERATING THEATRES](#) and some may be performed on a [WARD](#) or in an [Accident and Emergency Department](#).

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